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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: DPC MEETING APRIL 21-STANAVFORLANT SURVEILLANCE MISSION

REF: A. USNATO 2033

B. USNATO 2038

C. STATE 84718

1. DPC MET AT 12:00 NOON, APRIL 21, 1975 TO CONSIDER SACLANT'S REQUEST TO ADOPT AN OPEN PUBLIC INFORMATION POLICY IN CONJUNCTION WITH STANAVFORLANT'S SURVEILLANCE MISSION.

SACLANT INCLUDED THIS REQUEST IN FIRST SURVEILLANCE SITREP, SACLANT 181711Z APR 75, WHICH NATO SITCEN TRANSMITTED TO ALL CAPITALS (AIG'S 6006 AND 6007) UNDER DOCUMENT NUMBER OF (75)07.

2. BRIEF DPC DISCUSSION CENTERED AROUND EXTENSIVE PRESS PLAY SEVEAL NATIONS ARE GIVING TO SOVIET EXERCISE. MOST PERMREPS
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ACTIVELY SUPPORTED SACLANT'S REQUEST ALTHOUGH CATALANO (ITAL6) ASKED THAT NATO AVOID POSSIBILITY OF CREATING "UNDUE ALARM" EITHER IN DESCRIBING EXTENT OF SOVIET EXERCISE OR IN DISCUSSING STANAVFORLANT'S SURVEILLANCE MISSION. AMB HARTOGH

(NETHERLANDS) AGREED WITH THIS POINT OF VIEW AND HOPED
SACLANT WOULD USE OPEN PUBLIC INFORMATION POLICY "IN
A SMALL WAY". SYG LUNS REMARKED THAT SEVERAL NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS
ARE SO ACTIVE IN REPORTING THE EXERCISE THAT NATO'S CONTRI-
BUTION CERTAINLY WOULD BE "MUTED".

3. AMBASSADORS KRAPF (FRG) AND PECK (UK) STRONGLY ENDORSED
SACLANT'S REQUEST. KRAPF ALSO ASKED IF THERE WASN'T A WAY
TO GET MORE UPDATED INFORMATION AT NATO HEADQUARTERS; HIS
INFORMATION IS UP TO TWO AND ONE HALF DAYS OLD. LUNS
EXPRESSED GREAT SYMPATHY, REMARKING THAT, FOR THE MOST PART, HE
HASN'T HAD THE FOGGIEST NOTION AS TO STANAVFORLANT'S PROGRESS.
MISSION COMMENT: THIS IS AN INTERNAL DISTRIBUTION PROBLEM
AT NATO HQ WHICH WE NOW EXPECT TO RECEIVE PRIORITY ATTEN-
TION. END COMMENT.

4. ALONE AMONG PERMREPS, AMB BRUCE STATED HE WAS NOT
IN A POSITION TO APPROVE AT THIS TIME BUT THAT HE EXPECTED
GUIDANCE BY OPENING OF BUSINESS APRIL 22. BRUCE ACCORDINGLY
SUGGESTED, AND DPC CONCURRED, THAT DPC HANDLE SACLANT'S
REQUEST BY SILENCE PROCEDURE AS OF A.M. APRIL 22. ACTION
REQUESTED: WASHINGTON GUIDANCE BY OPENING OF BUSINESS BRUSSELS
TIME APRIL 22.
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